CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for delivering goods comprising:

transporting the goods to a specified location;

upon delivery, acquiring, from a positioning service, a physical location of the goods; and

recording the physical location to verify that the goods have in fact been delivered to the specified location.

2.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the act of recording comprises posting the physical location to a tracking service.

3.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

generating a ticket containing information relating to the goods;

upon delivery reading the ticket; and

associating the recorded physical location of the goods with the ticket's information.

4.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising upon delivery, identifying and recording a universal time to provide a delivery time reference having worldwide significance.

5.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

generating a ticket containing information relating to the goods;

upon delivery reading the ticket; and

associating the recorded universal time with the ticket's information.

6.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising comparing the recorded location with the specified location and issuing an alert indicating discrepancies.

1   7.   A method for delivering goods comprising:

2   transporting the goods to a specified location;

3   upon delivery, identifying a universal time; and

4   recording the universal time to provide a delivery time reference having

5 worldwide significance.

1   8.   The method of Claim 7, further comprising:

2   generating a ticket containing information relating to the goods;

3   upon delivery, reading the ticket; and

4   associating the recorded universal time with the ticket's information.

1   9.   A computer program product for verifying proper delivery of goods

2 to a specified location, the product comprising a computer useable medium

3 having machine readable instructions thereon for:

4   reading a ticket associated with the goods, the ticket having information

5 representing delivery data for the goods;

6   acquiring from a positioning service a physical location of the goods; and

7   recording the physical location to verify that the goods have in fact been

8 delivered to the specified location.

1   10.   The product of Claim 9, wherein the instructions for recording

2 include instructions for posting the physical location to a tracking service.

1   11.   The product of Claim 9, wherein the instructions for recording

2 comprising instructions for associating the recorded physical location with the

3 delivery data.

1   12.   The product of Claim 9, comprising further instructions for

2 comparing the recorded physical location with the specified location and issuing

3 an alert indicating discrepancies.

1   13.   The product of Claim 12, comprising further instructions for
2   identifying a universal time after the ticket is read and recording the universal
3   time.

1   14.   The product of Claim 13, wherein the instructions for recording the
2   universal time comprise further instructions for instructions for associating the
3   recorded universal time with the delivery data.

1   15.   A computer program product for verifying proper delivery of goods,
2   the product comprising a computer useable medium having machine readable
3   instructions thereon for:
4   reading a ticket associated with the goods, the ticket having information
5   representing delivery data for the goods;
6   identifying a universal time; and
7   recording the universal time to provide a delivery time reference having
8   worldwide significance.

1   16.   The product of Claim 15, wherein the instructions for recording the
2   universal time comprising instruction for associating the recorded universal time
3   with the delivery data.

1   17.   A system for verifying delivery of goods to a specified address
2   comprising:
3   a ticket delivered with the goods, the ticket containing information
4   relating to the goods;
5   a reader operable to read the ticket upon delivery of the goods; and
6   a locator in communication with the reader, the locator operable to
7   acquire from a positioning service a physical location of the goods as the reader
8   reads the ticket.

1   18.   The system of Claim 17, further comprising a recorder in electronic

2 communication with the reader and the position locator, the recorder operable to

3 generate a delivery record associating data representing the physical location of

4 the goods with the information read from the ticket.

1   19.   The system of Claim 18, further comprising a log, the recorder

2 being further operable to store one or more delivery records in the log.

1   20.   The system of Claim 17, wherein at least some of the information

2 contained in the ticket represents the specified location, the system further

3 comprising a comparator in communication with the reader and the position

4 locator, the comparator operable to compare the physical location with the

5 specified location and to issue an alert indicating discrepancies.

1   21.   The system of Claim 17, further comprising a time service in

2 communication with the reader, the time service operable to identify a universal

3 time as the reader reads the ticket.

1   22.   The system of Claim 21, further comprising a recorder in electronic

2 communication with the reader and the time serviced, the recorder operable to

3 generate a delivery record associating data representing the universal time with

4 the information read from the ticket.

1   23.   The system of Claim 22, further comprising a log, the recorder

2 being further operable to store one or more delivery records in the log.

1   24.   The system of Claim 22 further comprising a tracking service, the

2 recorder being further operable to post one or more delivery records to the

3 tracking service.

1   25.   A system for verifying delivery of goods to a specified address

2 comprising:

3   a ticket delivered with the goods, the ticket containing information goods

4 data; and

5   a reader operable to read the ticket upon delivery of the goods;

6   a position locator in communication with the reader operable to acquire

7 from a positioning service a physical location of the goods as the reader reads

8 the ticket;

9   a time service in communication with the reader, the time service

10 operable to identify a universal time as the reader reads the ticket; and

11   a recorder in communication with the reader, position locator and time

12 service, the recorder operable to generate a delivery record associating data

13 representing the physical location of the goods and the universal time with

14 information read from the ticket.

1   26.   The system of Claim 25, wherein at least some of the information

2 contained in the ticket represents the specified location, the system further

3 comprising a comparator in communication with the reader and the position

4 locator, the comparator operable to compare the physical location with the

5 specified location and to issue an alert indicating discrepancies.